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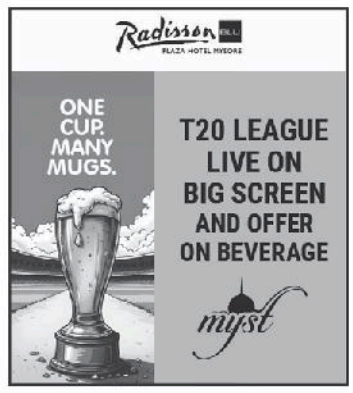

Technical snag hits bank business in city

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (BLU, GA & BS)- A technical snag in the server disrupted banking services at the State Bank of India (SBI), V.V. Mohalla Branch in Vontikoppal on Temple Road this morning. Unlike other branches of the country's largest banking network, the server issues were specifically reported at the V.V. Mohalla Branch, affecting regular services such as cheque deposits, demand drafts and loan payments, leaving customers frustrated.

The glitches were attributed to a problem in the main server at SBI's Head Office in Mumbai.

A 'no connectivity - no network' board displayed at one of the banks in city this morning.

Pensioners, businessmen and other regular customers were significantly inconvenienced, especially with only four days remaining before the close of the current fiscal year 2024-25 on March 31.

A board was placed at the branch entrance stating: "Due to technical problems, connectivity is lost. Customers are kindly requested to cooperate." This left many customers — particularly those with travel plans or preparing for the Ugadi festival on Mar. 30 and Ramzan on Mar. 31 — caught off guard.

However, when *Star of Mysore* contacted SBI's Main Branch at the Motikhana Building on New Sayyaji Rao Road, authorities stated that apart from minor network hiccups in the morning, no major technical issues were reported.

Meanwhile, banking services at other nationalised and private banks in city operated smoothly without any complaints of technical disruptions.

MCC to crack down on illegal street food vendors

Hoteliers cite heavy losses as unchecked street eateries eat into their business

Dr. Venkatesh

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (MK & BS)- While street food vendors are an integral part of Mysuru city, their unlicensed and unregulated presence often causes health concerns, traffic congestion and waste management issues.

Addressing the situation, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer Dr. Venkatesh has assured that a drive will soon be launched to evict unauthorised footpath food vendors with the assistance of the city Police. Speaking at an interaction programme on 'Food Safety and Renewal of Trade Licence' at a private hotel yesterday, Dr. Venkatesh revealed that a survey of footpath food vendors is underway.

Once completed, an eviction drive will be carried out under Police protection against unlicensed vendors. He added that the evicted vendors will be allotted alternative spaces to continue their businesses.

"Improper disposal of food waste, plastic and oil, clogs drains and attracts pests, creating unhygienic conditions and it is a health hazard," he said.

Dr. Venkatesh noted that while plastic usage in hotels has decreased, hoteliers should switch to cloth bags featuring their logos. He also emphasised the need for proper waste management, urging hotels to segregate food waste given to pig rearers and pourakarmikas.

He appealed to the public to report any instances of food or plastic waste being dumped in public areas to the MCC. He further announced that next month, the MCC will launch a drive for the renewal of trade and other licenses, urging hoteliers to make the most of the initiative.

(See MCC on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 28th March 2025

Entrepreneurship awareness session inspires young minds

Mysuru, Mar. 28- The GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College (GSSS SSFGC), Metagalli, recently hosted the Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme bringing together distinguished guests, experts and students to foster entrepreneurial thinking and innovation.

M. Shashi Kumar, Director of MSME Development & Facilitation Office, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India and K.M. Shivakumar, an internationally renowned yoga icon and personality development trainer attended the event. Rachana Mahesh, Founder of Edukare ITES, Rachana Industries and Womencan Charitable Trust, served as the resource person, sharing her valuable insights into entrepreneurship and women empowerment.

Dr. T.S. Rakesh, Principal, GSSS SSFGC, Mysuru, presided.

The session provided students with an exposure to entrepreneurial opportunities, significance of MSMEs in India and practical guidance on starting and sustaining businesses.

Shashi Kumar emphasised on the role of MSMEs in India's economic growth, encouraging students to explore entrepreneurship as a viable career path.

Shivakumar gave an insight into self-discipline and motivation, key attributes for any entrepreneur.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE POWER OF SATSANG: ***At a weekend retreat, our spiritual Guru spoke eloquently from his own experience about the deep divine knowledge drawn from his study of our shastras. He demonstrated this through his erudite teachings that he had received from his Guru in an august lineage and convincingly answered all queries from the interested audience.***

Our Guru, firmly entrenched in the Ultimate Truth, has always found it easy to guide others in the right manner, even in navigating the matters of everyday life. He has completely disassociated from the worldly pleasures to derive that everlasting inner peace by being with his own self that is evident in his demeanour.

It was at this *satsang* ***that a deep connected feeling sprung inside me. A feeling that did not waver even once during the*** *satsang* ***where it felt the world outside stood still and time and space had ceased to exist. Is there anything better than the company of like-minded people at a*** *satsang* ***guided by a saint?***

When you and I, seeking to understand the Truth in a spiritual path, partake in a *satsang,* ***the aura or such high energy fields will help calm the mind. A calm mind can think better to comprehend that outside pleasures are but fleeting and it is the infusion of*** *Ananda* ***that makes one cherish the*** *satsang.* ***However,*** *shastras* ***say that*** *Ananda* ***is one's own nature.***

The *'sat'* ***aspect of*** *Atman* ***is the 'Is-ness' or 'Being-ness' that we live every nano-second and is experienced as 'truth' where the calmness is palpable and heard. The*** *'sang'* ***is that act of singing the Bhajans, the hymns, the*** *shlokas* ***and discussions that extol the divinity of the God, in and around us.***

This formed the crux of this *satsang* ***and a key takeaway for me. Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya has stated that*** *satsang* ***is the boat that helps us to navigate the turbulent waters of*** *samsara...*

— Prasanna S. Harihar in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Stick caterpillar is a master of camouflage

New York: The caterpillar of the peppered moth has one of the most impressive natural camouflages in the animal world. Not only do they look like lifeless twigs, but they can also change colour to match their background.

Found in different regions of the Northern Hemisphere, like Asia, Europe and North America, the caterpillar of the peppered moth is a master of mimicry. Not only does it have the shape of a twig, complete with all its natural imperfections, but it can also sense the colour of the branch it is resting on with its skin and change its colour accordingly to protect itself from predators.

As if their look alone wasn't enough to fool most predators, stick caterpillars can attach their heads to tree branches and extend their bodies outwards to imitate tiny twigs. They can maintain this position for long periods of time, at least long enough to fool most threats.

Mice with woolly mammoth hair

Washington: Extinction is still forever, but scientists at the biotech company Colossal Biosciences are trying what they say is the next best thing to restoring ancient beasts — genetically engineering living animals with qualities to resemble extinct species like the woolly mammoth.

Colossal announced that its scientists have simultaneously edited seven genes in mice embryos to create mice with long, thick, woolly hair. They nicknamed the extra-furry rodents as the "Colossal woolly mouse."

Colossal said it focused on mice first to confirm if the process works before potentially moving on to edit the embryos of Asian elephants, the closest living relatives to woolly mammoths.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Severe fatigue, shortness of breath, palpitations along with pale skin can be due to severe anaemia.

By Dr. Giripunja M. - Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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SDM-IMD Director as Mentor and Assessor of EFMD, EU

Dr. (Lt. Col.) S.N. Prasad

Mysuru, Mar. 28- Dr. (Lt. Col.) S.N. Prasad, Director of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, has been accepted as a member of EFMD Deans Across Frontiers (EDAF), the global B School peer evaluation and assessment body of the European Federation for Management Development (EFMD), Brussels.

Dr. Prasad has been associated with EFMD Accreditation process since 2016 when SDM-IMD commenced international programme accreditation process.

Currently, SDM-IMD boasts of over 17 institutional partnerships across Europe for student - faculty exchanges and joint faculty research with other institutions.

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REALLY...?

- *Researchers use the eye shine of crocs, reflected from torchlight to assist in population counts.*
- *Behind the retina, a layer of crystals (known as the tapetum lucidium) helps to reflect low level light, such as moonlight back into the retina to assist with night vison. It's this reflection that gives the eye shine that have been well-utilised in population surveys.*
- *Crocs are built for stealth and power.*
- *Crocodiles survive droughts by digging burrows.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Bride: I am glad I decided to be married in travelling dress — a wedding dress costs such a lot.

Dress maker: Yes, Miss, and the next time you wanted to wear it, it would be out of fashion!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 85.63
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 110.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.31
1 Euro	= Rs. 92.39

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos for using metric units to report wastage of water

Sir,

It was heartening to see the use of metric units in *Star of Mysore* dated Mar.26 headlines in red to describe the wastage of water. Also, very rightly, alongside a table converting cusecs to litres was given. Hope the oft-used TMC ft will be given a burial from now on.

I hope more and more people, especially the higher authorities in irrigation, water management, etc., resort to the use of metric units which are very simple being always in multiples of 10.

I have been a stickler for the use of metric units in all walks of daily life.

By the way, 1,000 litres is also called one cubic meter (1mx-1mx1m). So, when dealing with very large quantities of water or other liquids, printing space can be economised by using cubic meters thus saving 3 zeros.

Thus, 204 crore litres is equal to 2.04 billion litres or 2.04 million cubic metres etc.

—Prof. B.S. Shankara (Retd.)
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A grand evening of Karnatak Music by RAAGA Music Academy

Vidu. Dhanya *Vidu. Pruthvi* *Vid. Nandan* *Vid. Srinidhi*

Mysuru, Mar. 28- RAAGA Music Academy is set to enchant music lovers once again with a grand Karnatak vocal concert featuring Vidu. Dhanya Dinesh Rudrapatnam to herald the arrival of Sri Vishwavasu Samvatsara, on Mar. 29 at Bidaram Krishnappanavara Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road at 6 pm.

Vidu. Dhanya Dinesh is a talented Karnatak vocalist who began her training at an early age and has been under the tutelage renowned gurus — Vidwan Neyveli R. Santhanagopalan and Vidwan Delhi P. Sunderrajan. Being a B-high grade artiste of All India Radio, she has performed at prestigious venues such as Madras Music Academy, Narada Gana Sabha, Bangalore Gayana Samaja and Poornathrayeesa Sangeetha Sabha. She has also given online concerts for esteemed platforms like Mani Krishnaswamy Academy and Gayathri Fine Arts. Recognised for her rich, melodious voice, she has received accolades including the "Nadakishori" award from Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, along with honours from Gayana Samaja, Bengaluru and JSS, Mysuru. She will be accompanied by Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar on violin, Vidwan Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi Koundinya on ghata.

For details contact Ph: 0821-2542069 or Mob: 82777-33410.

Ugadi Sangeethotsava at Mysore Palace from Mar. 30

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (VNS)- Mysore Palace Board will be ushering in this year's Ugadi festival with a three-day Ugadi Sangeethotsava from Mar. 30 at Mysore Palace premises.

Palace will be illuminated during the music fest between 7 pm and 9.30 pm on all three days.

The event will be inaugurated by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy at 5.30 pm.

Minister for Animal Husbandry K. Venkatesh, CESC Chairman Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman C. Anil Kumar, Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Manasa and Karnataka State Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath will be present.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose will be the chief guests. KR Constituency MLA T.S. Srivatsa will preside.

On Mar. 30, S. Likhith and troupe will present a saxophone concert from 5 pm to 6 pm; 'Panchanga Shravana' by Dr. Sridhara Murthy from 6 pm to 6.30 pm; R. Chandana and troupe to recite State Anthem and Mysore Kingdom Anthem from 6.45 pm to 7 pm; Inauguration of cultural events between 7 pm and 7.30 pm; 'Swara Vaibhava' programme featuring Ajay Warier, Indu Nagaraj, Kambada Rangaiah, Sashikala and Troupe from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

On Mar. 31, Uppunda Rajesh Padiyar and troupe will present light music concert 'Kannadave Satya' from 5.30 pm to 6 pm; Bharatanatyam recital by Ananya and troupe from 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm; film songs by V. Ravikumar and troupe from 7 pm to 7.30 pm; 'Sangeetha Gaanamrutha' by singer Naveen Sajju and team from 7.45 pm to 9.45 pm.

On Apr. 1, R. Mohan and troupe will present clarinet and other musical instruments concert from 5.30 pm to 6 pm; Dance performance on Kannada, Hindi and Korean songs by Dr. M.P. Preetham and troupe from 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm; Light music concert by Deepika Srikanth and troupe from 7 pm to 7.45 pm; folk music by Dr. K. Rameshwarappa and troupe from 8 pm to 9 pm.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

On the Move...

From Kitchen to Courier

The 37-year-old Shilpa Ravi zipping across the city roads on her scooter to deliver food orders.

By Ganesh Anil

As we continue to celebrate a month-long International Women's Day, stories of women breaking barriers and shattering stereotypes continue to inspire.

Among them is Shilpa Ravi, a 37-year-old resident of Ramakrishnanagar in Mysuru, whose unwavering determination has transformed her from a home-maker into a force to be reckoned with in the male-dominated field of food delivery. With remarkable grit and resilience, this shero has not only stepped into a traditionally male domain but also tasted success, paving the way for others to follow.

Until six months ago, Shilpa was managing her household alongside her husband, Ravi, a milk vendor, and their two children. However, financial hardships pushed her to make a bold decision. With just a PUC qualification, she joined a reputed food delivery firm to support her family. Since then, there's been no looking back.

Every day, from 7 am to 11 pm, Shilpa zips across the city on her scooter, delivering orders with a dedication that has earned her the admiration of both customers and restaurant owners. Her job often takes her beyond city limits, riding to places like Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) and Pandavapura — miles away — proving her mettle and determination.

Rising above challenges

"A few months ago, we were in dire straits, struggling financially — something many families face. But instead of depending on others and risking my self-respect, I chose to work and lead a self-sustaining life," Shilpa shared with *Star of Mysore*, recalling her struggle.

Her hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. Hoteliers and customers often commend her courage, especially in a society where women still fight for equal footing. Today, she earns several thousand rupees as commission — reflecting the dedication she pours into her job.

Family's unwavering support

Shilpa credits her success to her family's support. While her husband runs the milk booth in the morning and joins her in food delivery later in the day, his mother takes care of their school-going children. This enables Shilpa to focus on her work without worrying about managing things back home.

"In many homes, women are dissuaded from working. But my husband and mother-in-law stood by me, setting an example for others. With the city's improved Police patrolling, I even deliver food late at night without fear," Shilpa said. Her camaraderie with nearly all hoteliers in the city makes her job smoother and more rewarding.

Aiming higher

Shilpa's dreams don't stop at food delivery. She is awaiting the results of a written test conducted for driver recruitment at KSRTC. With a Heavy Motor Vehicle (HMV) driving licence in hand, she hopes to soon join the State-run Transport Corporation.

If successful, she will become the second woman in Mysuru to drive a KSRTC bus — a remarkable achievement after K. Ningamma, who has the credit of being the first woman driver of KSRTC bus.

On this International Women's Day, Shilpa's story stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration, reminding us that with determination, grit and family support, women can conquer any field.

Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway

NHAI approves Package 3 Hunsur-Periyapatna stretch

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar seen with Union Minister for Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi recently.

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (PM&BCT)- The Central Office of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has approved Package 3 of the long-pending Mysuru-Kushalnagar Highway project, covering the critical Hunsur-Periyapatna stretch.

Construction is slated to begin in the second week of April, marking a major leap in regional infrastructure development.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar welcomed the decision, noting the project had been stalled for years. The breakthrough follows persistent advocacy, with special recognition given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister for Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari for their decisive intervention.

During recent discussions with Minister Gadkari, the MP reviewed the project specifics and challenges. The Minister ensured prompt clearance of pending documentation, paving the way for final approval.

Yaduveer said that this milestone promises to transform regional connectivity, easing travel and boosting economic growth. The project underscores the Government's commitment to infrastructure-led progress and improving quality of life for residents.

Intl. KSCA cricket stadium in Mysuru: Cabinet nod pending

Bengaluru, Mar. 28 (KMS& BCT)- The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) has proposed developing a state-of-the-art international cricket stadium near Huyilalu village in Yelwal Hobli, Mysuru district.

The plan was discussed extensively during yesterday's State Cabinet meeting, though no final decision was reached.

The Association is seeking to utilise 18.19 acres of barren Government land for the project, which aims to enhance sports infrastructure in the region.

The Cabinet deliberated on allocating the land to KSCA for constructing an international-standard stadium, with proposed conditions to review preparedness and resource allocation. A conclusive decision is expected in the next Cabinet meeting.

Other key approvals

Meanwhile, the Cabinet approved several other developmental projects for Mysuru and Mandya. In Mysuru, Rs. 23 crore has been allocated from the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) funds to complete the construction of Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan. Additionally, Rs. 14.64 crore has been sanctioned for the comprehensive renovation of cultural landmarks including Karnataka Kalamandira, Rangayana and the Vishwa Kannada Sammelana Guest House.

In Kodagu district, Rs. 15 crore was approved for upgrading the Masagodu to Yelakanuru-Kanive Road in Kushalnagar Taluk to improve regional connectivity.

Mandya district will also see progress, with Rs. 16 crore earmarked and receiving administrative approval for constructing 'Prajasoudha' Taluk administrative building in Malavalli Taluk.

Appointed as Special Officer on Duty to Meghalaya Governor

Dr. Prasad

Mysuru, Mar. 28- Retired KAS Officer Dr. B.S. Krishna Prasad has been appointed as an Officer on Special Duty and Special Advisor to Meghalaya Governor C.H. Vijayashankar, who hails from Karnataka.

He had also served as a Member of Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC). While serving as a KAS Officer, Krishna Prasad was instrumental in the implementation of 'Manaswini' scheme, a scheme aimed at women empowerment. He was popularly called as 'Tamboola Tahsildar' for his honest service to the people. He was conferred with 'Sarvottama Seva' award by the Karnataka Government in 2005 in recognition of his exemplary service.

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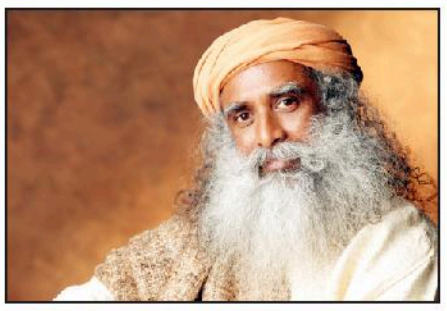


By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation

A good planet, a good life

Today, we have the necessary technology, resource and capability to address every issue on the planet. Never before in the history of humanity have human beings been as capable as we are today. The only thing missing is inclusive consciousness.

We are living in a time when we have to think of protecting the things that have always nurtured us. This is the first time in the history of humanity that we have to talk about protecting the planet. Never before did anyone have such an insane idea that they had to protect the planet. The planet always took care of us.

Preserving and nurturing this planet is not different from aspiring for a good life for ourselves, because there is no good life without a good planet. Right now, we are looking at ecological concerns as some kind of an obligation that we have to fulfill. It is not an obligation, it is our life. The very breath that we inhale and exhale is just that. Unless people feel this and have an experience of this, I don't believe they are going to truly act in any big way.

If people don't take care of the land, they will ruin the whole country. Whatever our economic concerns are — we need to do many things — we must always keep ecological concerns as an important part of our economic development. Otherwise, we will pay a very big price for it. This is something that policy-makers, industry and the public should constantly be aware of and strive for.

Raising the consciousness of the whole world may be a long-term project in terms of work, but if the leadership — people in positions of responsibility and power — experience and truly feel this within themselves, a huge change can be brought about in everything that we do. If the consciousness of a few key people on the planet — the way they think, feel and experience life — can be altered even a little, and if the necessary focus and investment of resources is made in the right direction, Mother Earth will correct herself.

If we just provide her with an opportunity, she will turn everything back into absolute abundance and beauty. We don't have to do anything great; we don't have to fix the Earth. If we reduce the meddling to whatever extent we can, without making ourselves suffer, if we just lessen the damage that we are doing, the rest will happen by itself.

Today, scientific studies say, if all the insects disappear tomorrow morning from this planet, life on this planet has only twenty-five years left. All life, including us, will die within twenty-five years' time. Not a single life form will be left. But if the human beings disappear tomorrow morning, in twenty-five years' time, the earth will be flourishing. Though everything that we do is not biodegradable, fortunately we are biodegradable and so the world will do fine.

Spiritual process without concern for life around you is not a spiritual process because anyone who looks into himself, anyone who turns inward, naturally realises that his existence and the outside existence are not different. Spirituality essentially means an all-inclusive experience. When there is an all-inclusive experience, being concerned and caring about everything around you is very natural.

It is my wish that we as a generation do not become a disaster in every sense. In our lives, if we do not do what we cannot do, there is no problem. But if we do not do what we can do, we are a disaster.

[Ranked amongst the fifty most influential people in India, Sadhguru is a yogi, mystic, visionary and best-selling author. Sadhguru has been conferred the "Padma Vibhushan," India's highest annual civilian award, by the Government of India in 2017, for exceptional and distinguished service.]

'Unity among theatre artistes dwindling'

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (PM&BS)- Former Chairperson of Karnataka Nataka Academy and actress Malathi Sudhir has expressed regret over how the unity among theatre artistes is dwindling.

She was speaking during World Theatre Day celebrations, organised by Karnataka Nataka Academy and Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum at Bhoomigeetha, Rangayana in the city yesterday.

Malathi said, 'Everyone must celebrate World Theatre Day, but lack of unity among artistes is palpable and should be eradicated. The involvement of everybody in building a theatre is pivotal, with inter-personal coordination, which otherwise may be a hurdle in continuing with the activities.'

'The field of theatre is considered as masculine, and whoever has embraced stage must emerge as a winner, without any scope for coming out as a loser. In cinema, artistes will be having a time till she impresses the director, irrespective of the number of takes they take while it is vice-versa in theatre which can be equated with a battle field, where one should win over, rather than losing the battle,' she said.

"We being a part of theatre, can be considered as the luckiest for the Goddess of Theatre having blessed us with an undying zeal to perform irrespective of age. The determination to act and win over the audience assume significance," said Malathi.

"Sudhir passed away within two years of founding Karnataka Kala Vaibhava Sangha. I was in a bind over returning to theatre again. Had I remained at home, what would be the economical condition? I eventually returned to theatre and was running a drama company. When I was camping at Teradala, I used to feel self-sufficient, if the drama attracted at least 10 to 15 audiences to meet the expenses of food and coconut oil for make-up," recalled Malathi, wife of actor Sudhir.

Ranga Gaurava Award was conferred on Rajyotsava awardee theatre artistes Saraswati Zulekha Begum & H. Janardhan, Nataka Academy awardees Noor Ahmed Shaikh, Prasad Kundur & Chandrashekar Achar, Kuvempu Bhasha Bharati awardee Dr. H.M. Kumaraswamy, Bayalata Academy awardee Thippanna, Suvarna Rajyotsava awardee Malathisri, Hon. doctorate recipients Dr. C. Basavalingaiah and Dr. Rajashekar Kadamba. Academy Member-Convener Dr. M.A. Zaheeda, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Forum President Rajesh H. Talakad and Secretary M.P. Haridatta were present.

Son's death & parents' undying love for theatre...

Malathi Sudhir recalled a heart-rending incident, when her drama company had been camping at Teradala, that showed the artistes' commitment towards theatre which keeps them going, despite adversaries at home.

A couple playing comic roles had left behind their 10-year-old son suffering from jaundice at home. The house owner, who was concerned over the boy not asking for water, even after hours, went and checked on him, only to find him dead.

He was caught in a dilemma over how to inform the parents on stage about their son's death. On the other hand, Malathi was worried over ticket collection. Finally, he mustered courage and told Malathi about the boy's death. However, with the only reason of not stopping the show, Malathi waited till the show was over and gave Rs. 700 from Rs. 800 earned through ticket sales, to send the grieving couple to their village.

The heart-rending story doesn't end here, as the couple made others believe that their son was in sleep and kept his body covered in bed sheet, on the rear seat inside the bus and took the mortal remains to the village for performing the last rites.

"The couple telephoned me to say that they were returning in the night itself and requested me not to stop the show," recalled Malathi, explaining the commitment towards the theatre.

Month-long Muddanda Hockey Festival-2025 begins in Madikeri

396 teams participate marking 25 years of uniting Kodava community through hockey

The Grand Torch Run organised as part of the Muddanda Hockey Festival ended at Madikeri this morning with Olympian Anjaparavanda B. Subbaiah receiving the torch from the marathon runners. Picture right shows the procession being taken out on the streets of Madikeri to reach Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa grounds.

Madikeri, Mar. 28 (PS&BCT)- The Muddanda Hockey Festival- 2025 kicked off this morning with a vibrant cultural and folk procession through Madikeri, marking the start of month-long tournament (March 28-April 27).

The event will be held across three grounds in Madikeri, celebrating both the sport and Kodava heritage. This year, 396 Kodava families will compete for the top honour. The festival holds special significance as it marks its silver jubilee — 25 years of uniting the community through hockey.

Founded in 1997 by late Pandanda Kuttappa, a former State Bank of India employee and first-division hockey referee, the festival continues to fulfil his vision of bringing Kodava families together through their shared passion for the sport.

The procession began at General Thimayya Circle, featuring the traditional Kodava Valaga, Kerala Chande and Dudikottu Paat rhythms that echoed through the venue.

Garland offerings were made to the statues of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, General Thimayya and Major Mangerira Muthanna. Men, women and children, dressed in traditional attire, marched through the streets of Madikeri, culminating at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Grounds.

Grand Torch Run

In the lead-up to the festival, a Grand Torch Run was flagged off on Mar. 28 at the Pandanda Ainmane (ancestral house) in Karada.

The torch covered a distance of 126 km, passing through the Ainmanes of several Kodava families, including Pandanda, Cheppudira, Alamengada, Machhamada, Chekkera, Kallichanda, Maneyapanda, Kuppanda, Nellamakkada, Mandepanda, Thathanda, Muddanda, Ichettira, Mandettira, Ballachanda, Kodira, Biddanda, Madanda, Kaliyanda, Maleyanda, Appachettolanda, Kulletira, Biddatanda, Kundyolanda, and Shantheyanda.

The torch reached General Thimayya Circle this morning and was carried in a grand procession to the festival inauguration venue. Olympian Anjaparavanda B. Subbaiah received the Sports Torch from the marathon runners and lit the ceremonial flame at the hockey arena.

396 families this year

In 1997, only 60 Kodava families participated in the festival. However, over the years, the event grew so significantly that it earned a place in the Limca Book of Records as the largest hockey tournament in the world.

In 2024, the Kodava Hockey Carnival, organised by the Kundyolanda family, made history by achieving a Guinness World Record for the largest field hockey tournament, with 360 Kodava family teams competing.

This year, the festival has grown even larger, with 396 Kodava families participating. As part of the silver jubilee celebrations, a women's tournament will also be held, featuring 30 teams.

Following the lighting of the ceremonial flame, the flag-hoisting ceremony was held, accompanied by a cultural programme. The Muddanda Hockey Festival was then formally inaugurated.

Exhibition matches

The first exhibition match featured Kodagu District Administration team against the organising Muddanda family. Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Venkat Raja played for District Administration team. He also showcased his hockey skills at last year's Kundyolanda Cup in Napoklu.

The second exhibition match was played between Kodava Hockey Academy XI and Karnataka XI, with commentary by Maletira Srinivas, Kulletira Arun Beba and Cheppudira Roshan.

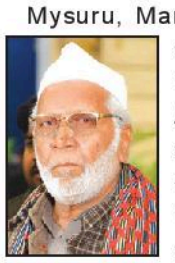
The event was graced by Kodava Hockey Academy President Pandanda K. Bopanna, Virajpet MLA Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna, Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda, MLC Mandeypanda Suja Kushalappa, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Kodagu University VC Prof. Ashok Sangappa Alura, Olympian Anjaparavanda B. Subbaiah, Akhila Kodava Samaja President Paradanda Subramani Kaverappa and Madikeri Kodava Samaja President Munduvanda P. Muthappa. Superintendent of Police K. Ramarajan, former Speaker K.G. Bopaiah and former MLC Shantheyanda Veena Achaiah were also present.

Several Muddanda family leaders participated, including Pattedara Dali Thimmaiah, Hon. President Muddanda B. Devaiah, Festival President Muddanda Rashin Subbaiah, Vice-President Dean Bopanna and Secretary Aadya Poovanna.

Kodava Hockey Academy Working President Mekerira Ravi Pemmaiah and Vice-President Kukkera Jaya Chinnappa were also in attendance.

Obituary

Dr. S.R. Quadri



Mysuru, Mar. 28- Dr. S.R Quadri (78) of Khatna Clinic on Ashoka Road and a resident of R.S. Naidu Nagar, passed away on Mar. 26 in Hyderabad.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place in Hyderabad yesterday, according to family sources.

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MCC to crack down on illegal street food vendors

(Continued from page 1)

Dr. Ravindra

Food Safety Officer Dr. S.L. Ravindra stressed the importance of hygiene, recommending that food ingredients be thoroughly washed before use. He also advised that cooks should wash their hands before and after chopping ingredients and ensure their hair does not fall into the food. He reminded the gathering that food safety norms must be strictly followed and that licences should be displayed for public viewing.

Earlier, hoteliers demanded that the MCC either evict the footpath vendors, who have become a major headache for the hotel industry or provide them with designated vending spaces.

Without designated vending zones and proper waste collection systems, this informal sector has become a civic menace, requiring balanced urban planning to ensure order without depriving livelihoods.

They alleged that footpath vending has turned into a mafia, with even the MCC hesitant to take action. The hoteliers lamented that despite paying lakhs in taxes to the Government, they are incurring heavy losses due to unchecked street vending.

Mysuru District Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, Secretary A.R. Ravindra Bhat, Hotel Owners Endowment Trust President Ravi Shastri, Vice-President Suresh (Ugraiah) and Secretary Subramanya Tantri were present at the event.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sahitya Chavadi at Suruchi Rangamane

As part of its 'Sahitya Chavadi' programme, Kalasuruchi has organised a talk on 'Sanchiya Honnammana Hadibadeya Dharma' by **Dr. Jyothi Shankar,** Professor and Gamaki, at Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, tomorrow (Mar. 29) at 6.30 pm. Dr. Jyothi Shankar works in the Kannada Department of Karnataka State Open University. She is known for her association with Gamaka Vachana as a commentator and has given programmes for a long time.

Utkarsha Yoga

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living Foundation has organised Utkarsha Yoga programme for children in the age group of 8 to 12 years from Apr. 1 to 6 at Art of Living Ashram, Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru, from 10.30 am to 4pm. [Mob: 98456-85892 or 98860-09208]

IPL 2025

TODAY'S MATCH
MAR. 28

CSK Vs **RCB**
M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai
7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH
MAR. 29

GT Vs **MI**
Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad
7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

SRH 190/9 (20 overs)
LOST TO
LSG 193/5 (16.1 overs)

Live telecast on:
Star Sports Network & JioHotstar

Internal quota: Cabinet sets 60-day timeline for survey of SCs

Bengaluru, Mar. 28- In a bid to end the row over internal reservation quota among SC communities, the State Government will conduct a fresh survey of SC (Scheduled Castes) population in the State within the next two months to collect empirical data based on which the long pending demand for internal reservation by Dalit communities could be decided. The decision came at a Cabinet meeting held here on Thursday.

After the August 2024 Supreme Court ruling allowing States to sub-classify SCs, the Congress Government is under immense pressure to provide internal reservation, which is also a pre-poll promise of the party.

The decision for a fresh survey is based on the recommendation by Justice H.N. Nagamohandas Commission, which submitted its interim report to CM Siddaramaiah just before the Cabinet meeting.

The Justice Nagamohandas Commission which was formed by the Government in Nov. 2024, was tasked with deciding on internal reservation.

Now it has recommended the collection of empirical data through a survey, which it said was necessary to 'Scientifically' categorise the SCs. The Commission added that the survey can be completed in 30-40 days using modern scientific and technological tools.

Justice H.N. Nagamohandas submitting the interim report to CM Siddaramaiah as Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa, Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and others look on.

In Karnataka, Scheduled Castes constitute about 17 percent of the population across 101 groups. Traditionally, they are seen as divided into two categories — Dalit Left and Dalit Right. The Dalit Left leaders who have been rallying for sub-classification, argue that most of the reservation benefits are cornered by the Dalit Right.

The survey, which will have an estimated 40,000 enumerators, will be overseen by Nagamohandas Commission, whose term has been extended by two months. Importantly, the survey will settle disputes due to nomenclatures.

After the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said that while the Commission says that the survey can be done in 30 to 40 days, more time may be needed for preparatory work. So, the Cabinet has decided that the survey should be completed within 60 days, he added.

Hike in milk price and power tariff singes common man ahead of Ugadi festival

Bengaluru, Mar. 28 (KMS& DM)- Close to the recent increase in bus and metro train fares, the State Government in a double blow to the people, has hiked milk price and power tariff, ahead of Ugadi festival. The price rise comes as a festival shock to the people, who are already dealing with rising inflation and soaring prices of other essential commodities and services.

The milk price (Rs. 4 per litre) and power tariff hike (36 paise per unit) will come into effect across the State from Apr. 1.

The State Cabinet which met here yesterday, gave approval for the price hike.

The KMF and District Milk Unions had appealed the State Government to increase popular 'Nandini' milk and curd prices as the milk production cost was going up. Now, the State Government has given its nod for milk price hike by Rs. 4 a litre.

Following the revision, the price of Nandini blue packet milk will go up to Rs. 48 from the current Rs. 44 and so also is the case with all other varieties of Nandini milk. The price of curd which was Rs. 50 a litre, will now cost Rs. 54. The Government had last hiked the price of milk by Rs. 2 per litre in June last year.

The KERC (Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission) had sought the Government a substantial hike in power tariffs, following which the State Cabinet approved a 36 paise hike per unit. The fixed fee in respect of Domestic (LT-1) power connection too has gone up. The fixed fee which was earlier Rs. 120 a KV, has now been hiked to Rs. 145. For example, a domestic consumer who had got sanction for 3 KV, had to pay a fixed fee of Rs. 360 till now. But following the revision, which comes into effect from Apr. 1, such consumers will now have to pay Rs. 435.

MLC Rajendra alleges murder bid, denies honey trapping

Bengaluru, Mar. 28 (KMS&BS)- The controversy surrounding suspected honey trapping of Ministers and Legislators in the city, that has generated enough buzz in the State politics, has taken a curious twist, with ruling party Congress MLC K.R. Rajendra alleging murder bid, denying any honey trapping bid on him.

Rajendra, the son of Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna, has lodged a complaint in this regard with DG and IGP Alok Mohan yesterday, who has subsequently handed over the case to Criminal Investigation Department (CID), instructing them to probe into the charges and submit a preliminary report in this regard within 14 days. Besides, the DG and IGP, has also suggested to lodge a complaint with Tumakuru Superintendent of Police (SP).

It is said that, the CID which has not registered any First Information Report (FIR) under Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), has begun the probe on the basis of the charges made by the MLC. The CID is learnt to have been conducting a preliminary investigation into the honey trap charges, to decide on the merits, so that a high-level probe can be initiated into the case, that has political ramifications.

Rajendra

Alok Mohan

If CID finds substantiating proof to conduct a full-length investigation, it will be submitting a report, following which the DG and IGP will decide over the nature of probe at next level.

Meanwhile, MLC Rajendra who spoke to media persons after meeting the DG and IGP, denied any honey trapping bid on him, but accused a few persons, who had come home to install a pandal for his daughter's birthday on Nov. 16, having a nefarious intention of murdering him. However, their attempts went futile.

"In January, an anonymous person made a call and tipped about the conspiracy being hatched to murder me, with the perpetrators planning to execute the plans on my daughter's birthday," alleged Rajendra.

Attempt to murder

City Court sentences Congress leader to jail

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (RK&TRR)- The city's 5th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to jail besides imposing a fine, after he was found guilty of trying to murder a man from whom he had taken a loan.

The Congress leader who was sentenced is M.K. Ashok. Ashok had taken a loan of Rs. 6.5 lakh from one Sandeep and had asked the later to come to Nehru Circle on May 30, 2016. When Sandeep came to the spot and demanded his money, Ashok, who asked Sandeep whether he had any proof that he had given him the money, assaulted Sandeep and tried to run over Sandeep in his car. As Sandeep held on to the car's bonnet, Ashok rammed the car to an electric pole in a bid to kill him.

The then Lashkar Inspector H.M. Kantharaju, who had registered a case, conducted an investigation and had submitted a chargesheet to the Court.

Judge Gururaj Somakkalavar, who heard the arguments from both sides, found Ashok guilty and sentenced him to one-month simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 500 under IPC Section 504. He was also sentenced to two months imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000 under Column 323 and was also awarded three years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 5,000 under Column 307.

Public Prosecutor B.E. Yogeshwara argued on behalf of the Government.

Automotive Axles Ltd. and Apollo BGS Hospitals conduct

Walkathon for Disability Awareness in Children

Mysuru, Mar. 28 - Automotive Axles Ltd. and Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, jointly organised a walkathon to raise awareness about disabilities in children. The event took place at the North Gate of Mysore Palace, in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in city recently.

As part of their corporate social responsibility, Automotive Axles and Apollo BGS Hospitals have come together to provide treatment for children with Clubfoot and Cerebral Palsy. This initiative aims to improve the quality of life for affected children and their families.

More than 400 people attended the event in the presence of dignitaries, including Kishan Udupi, General Manager, Cummins India & Whole Time Director, MHVSIL, Nagaraja Gargeshwari, President & Whole Time Director, Automotive Axles Limited, N.G. Bharateesha Reddy, Vice-President and Unit Head, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru and Dr. Shreyas Alva, Consultant Orthopaedics, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru.

Parents of children benefiting from this initiative expressed their heartfelt gratitude to both the organisations for their commitment to this noble cause. The event also featured informational sessions on Clubfoot and Cerebral Palsy, highlighting the latest advancements in treatment and rehabilitation.

The collaboration between Automotive Axles Ltd. and Apollo BGS Hospitals underscores the impact of corporate partnerships in making a meaningful difference in society. Apollo BGS Hospitals remains dedicated to delivering high-quality, compassionate healthcare, while Automotive Axles Ltd. continues its strong focus on social responsibility and community welfare initiatives.

Shreshta 2K25: State-level IT, Management and Sports Fest at Seshadripuram College

Mysuru, Mar. 28 (KS) - Seshadripuram Degree College, Mysuru, in collaboration with the IQAC, IIC, Department of Computer Science, Commerce and Management, NSS, NCC, Sports and Kala Srishti, had organised a State-level IT, Management, Cultural and Sports Fest at the College seminar hall in city recently.

The event was inaugurated by Aradhana Bhat, a renowned Kannada film artiste, who was the chief guest. In her address, Aradhana encouraged them to participate and appreciated their enthusiasm and talent.

Agnipath - The Drill Competition was inaugurated by watering a plant by the guest of honour Lt. Col. Y.K. Sanjeev, Administrative Officer, 13 Kar BN, Mysuru.

Delivering an inspiring address, Lt. Col. Sanjeev motivated the NCC cadets and NSS volunteers with his words of wisdom and leadership experiences.

The fest unfolded with thirteen dynamic events, witnessing participation from around 46 colleges across Karnataka. The prize distribution ceremony was held during the valedictory function at the college seminar hall.

The winners of the individual events are: Code Fusion - St. Joseph First Grade College, Mysuru; Thinkify - Vidya Vikas First Grade College, Mysuru; Treasure Hunt - St. Joseph's First Grade College, Mysuru; UI/UX Designing - Sapient College, Mysuru; Best Manager - Niharika of GSSS College, Mysuru; HR Event - MMK & SDM College, Mysuru; Finance Event - Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, Mysuru; Marketing Event - De Paul College, Mysuru; Solo Singing - Sagar of Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru; Duet Singing - Sagar and Priyanka of Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru; Solo Dance - Ganavi of Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, Mysuru; Cricket - Vidya Vikas College, Mysuru; NSS Drill - Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru; NCC Drill - Bharathi College, Mandya and Videography - H.J. Deekshith of Sapient College, Mysuru.

The Overall Championship in IT Events was bagged by St. Joseph's First Grade College while the Overall Championship in Management Events was secured by Vidyavardhaka First Grade College.

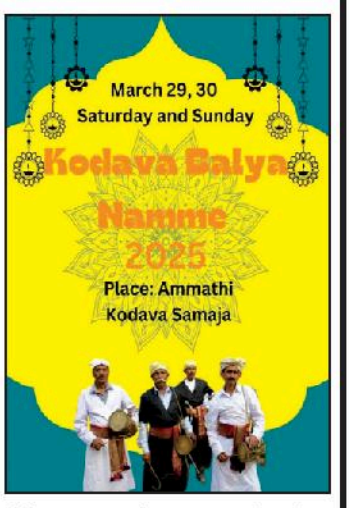
Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal; N. Archana Swamy, Principal of SIPUC, Shreedevi N. Prabhu and S. Arun, IT and Management fest coordinators, Student Council members, staff, students and others were present.

Celebrating Kodava Traditions

Kodava Sahitya Akademi to host 'Kodava Balya Namme' at Ammathi on Mar. 29, 30

By Mookonda Nitin Kushalappa

The Karnataka Kodava Sahitya Akademi in association with Kannada and Culture Department and Ammathi Kodava Samaja will be hosting the 'Kodava Balya Namme,' a lively celebration that highlights the rich heritage of Kodava folk music and dance at the Kodava Samaja premises in Ammathi on Mar. 29 and 30.



Parade of Colours and Tradition

The event will kick off with a colourful parade, featuring ceremonial attire, vaalaga and dudikott music and dance. The tone for a weekend of excitement and cultural revelry will be set by this procession.

Stage for Folk Artistes

The 'Kodava Balya Namme' will feature a range of cultural competitions, including folk singing and dancing. Talented troupes of folk singers and dancers from across Karnataka will come together for the Namme, to display their talents and vie with one another for top honours on a shared platform. The Akademi's dedication to preserving and promoting Kodava culture is demonstrated by this event.

Literary Delights

Book lovers will be excited to know that the festival will also include book releases, showcasing the literary accomplishments of Kodava authors. Also, poetry recitations will provide the celebrations with cultural elegance and refinement.

Exhibition and Seminary Sessions

An exhibition of heritage artefacts will provide a glimpse into Kodava history and customs. There will be discussion sessions, featuring expert panels and thought-provoking themes pertaining to the Kodava culture and identity, as well.

Celebrating Successes

Additionally, the Akademi will honour the achievements of successful individuals who have made significant impacts in their respective domains. These deserving people will get honorary prizes in recognition of their contributions.

Music and Dance Extravaganza

The strains of folk music and the vivid colours of ceremonial attire will fill the Samaja over the course of two days. A variety of acts, such as folk songs, dances and other cultural presentations, will be included in the competitions.

Cultural Events and Performances

The initial parade will be inaugurated in the morning on the 29th of March in Ammathi and will be from Hosur junction to the Kodava Samaja. Later, there will be a release of newly published books. Various song and dance competitions will be inaugurated the same day. That day there will also be a heritage items exhibition, a discussion session and a poetry recitation session.

The next morning there will be another discussion session. The final event of the second day is the distribution of the Akademi's honorary prizes to achievers and for new books.

Join the Festivities

Various dignitaries, such as State Ministers, the Mysuru-Kodagu MP, MLAs and MLC and the DC, and accomplished individuals have been invited as guests. Former Presidents of the Kodava Sahitya Akademi, the Presidents of the various Kodava Samajas and the Kodava Bhasika (speakers) organisations have also been invited.

Regardless of whether you are a culture enthusiast, a music lover, or simply looking for a unique experience, this event is sure to be a memorable celebration of Kodava heritage. The 'Kodava Balya Namme' promises to be unforgettable with music, dance, literature and cultural richness. Mark your calendars for March 29th and 30th and immerse yourself in the celebrations at Ammathi Kodava Samaja in Kodagu.

WORD OF THE DAY

Wend

Pronunciation: WEND (verb).
Meaning: Wend is a literary word that means "to move slowly from one place to another usually by a winding or indirect course"; wending is traveling or proceeding on one's way in such a manner.
Origin: "Out through the fields and woods / And over the walls I have wended ..." So wrote poet Robert Frost in "Reluctance," using the word's familiar sense of "to direct one's course." By the time of the poem's publication in 1913, many other senses of wend had wended their way into and out of popular English usage including "to change direction," "to change someone's mind," "to transform into something else," and "to turn (a ship's head) in tacking." All of that turning is linked to the word's Old English ancestor, wendan, which shares roots with the Old English verb, windan, meaning "to twist" (windan is also the ancestor of the English verb wind as in "the river winds through the valley"). Wend is also to thank for lending the English verb go its past tense form went (as a past tense form of wend, went has long since been superseded by wended).
Example: "Otters do not like to share food.... There is a flickering movement of jaws before they swallow and dive again. For a moment I think they have left, then they surface once more and I make out two long shapes, one just ahead of the other. They wend their way further down the waterway before insinuating themselves back into the dark." —Miriam Darlington, Otter Country: In Search of the Wild Otter, 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Wanchancy

Unlucky; uncanny.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

To whistle for it

Meaning: The phrase 'To whistle for it' means to ask for something with little chance of obtaining it.
Origin: The term derives from when sail ships were stuck at sea with no wind to fill their sails. In such conditions, sailors would whistle in attempt to summon a wind. Somewhat unsurprisingly, this made little difference to wind conditions.
Example: The boss promised he'd pay us overtime for the late evenings, but when I asked him for the extra money, he told me to whistle for it.

QUOTE BOX

A whistle blower is the highest achievement that a person can reach with the next generation. **—Steven Magee**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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T	G

Answer: Hot dog stand.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Young dog
4 __ Francisco : river of Brazil?
7 Scarlett's home
11 Everybody
12 Head-up Disp.
13 Hotshots
14 Benchmark
17 Mother of Zeus
18 Ended or concluded
20 Divine being
22 Prison room
23 Even, contracted by a poet ?
24 Military blockade
27 Hard surface layers
31 The ringed planet
33 City in Nebraska
34 Large, abbr.
35 These radiation particles are electrons
37 Permit
39 Fine strands of pasta
42 Ms. Mukherjee of Bollywood
43 Motorcycle rally
46 Privy to (2,2)
47 Calendar abbreviation
48 Sheltered side
49 Greek peak
50 Tibetan ox?
51 Estimated Time En route

DOWN

1 A step or steps in dancing?
2 Ultimo, in short
3 A precious metal
4 A pretence
5 Of or pertaining to gold
6 Strangeness or peculiarity
7 Food item - "Alter TT" anagram?
8 Dull pain
9 Marsh plant
10 As loud ___ _ thunder ? (2,1)
15 Catch or ensnare
16 Not wet
19 Ms Bhatt of Bollywood
20 Cal. month
21 Architect Saarinen
25 Easily duped or deceived
26 Therefore in Latin
28 "As brain" changes, you get her name?
29 Those people over there!
30 Fulfil the requirements
32 Of a kind not seen before
36 Capital of Ghana
37 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
38 Law professor's degree
39 Delivery vehicles
40 "Nose" anagram for Adam's grandson?
41 French composer ___ Satie
42 SA river ___ Grande
44 ___ off: release by exploding?
45 Shoe box letters

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	S	C			A	T	N		V	E	N	T
D	T	H			B	O	A		E	R	E	I
S	C	A	R	L	E	T	T		R	I	A	L
		R	E	S	T	A	U	R	A	N	T	
D	I	C	E	D			L	R	O	N		
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	S	L	A	T	Y				P	I	A	
		C	I	R	C		Y	E	L	L	S	
	A	F	I	C	I	O	N	A	D	O		
E	D	I	T		C	O	C	K	E	Y	E	D
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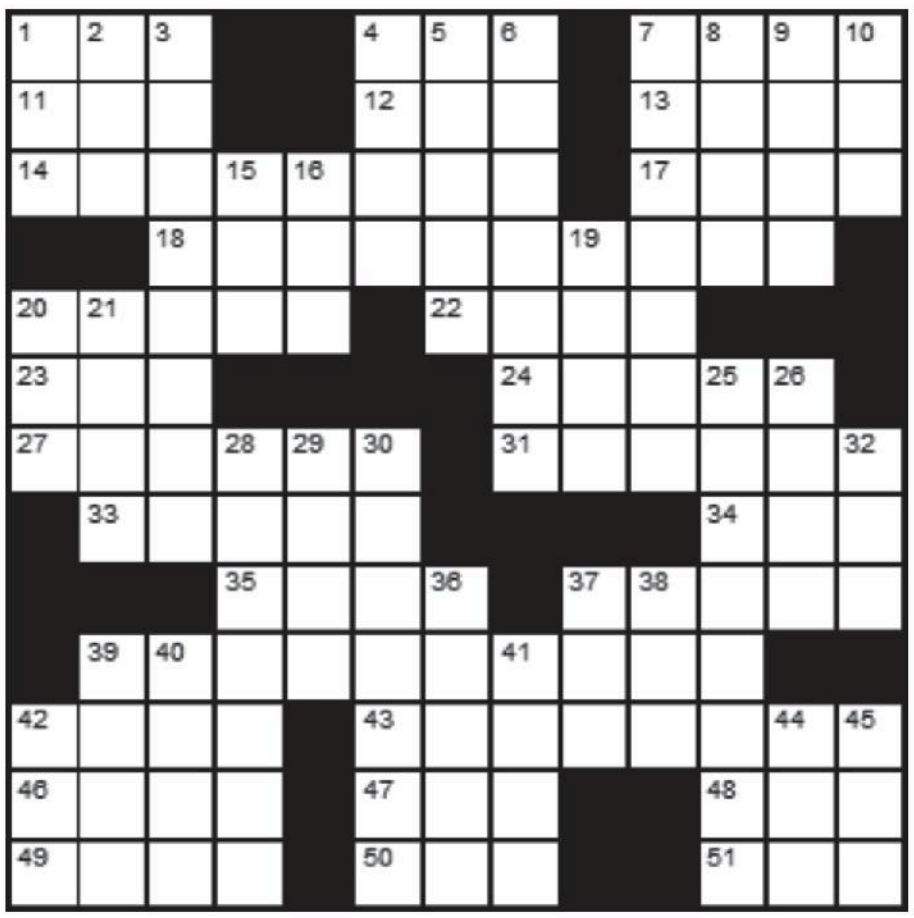

SUDOKU

9				5				
		2			3		5	
			1		8	6		
						8	4	2
1	7	8						
		6	7		9			
	5		4			1		
				2				3

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	7	4	2	8	9	6	1
1	2	8	9	5	6	3	7	4
4	6	9	3	1	7	8	2	5
9	5	1	7	3	2	6	4	8
3	7	6	1	8	4	5	9	2
2	8	4	5	6	9	1	3	7
8	4	5	2	9	3	7	1	6
7	1	3	6	4	5	2	8	9
6	9	2	8	7	1	4	5	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WVFDZRPDTA: ZCQ CRVPZDPK LQRF ZCRZ

TUAQUPQ, TUAQECQFQ ARI SQ CRWWI.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you can't convince them, confuse them.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  L2: Empuraan (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  L2: Empuraan (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Mayura (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Manada Kadalu (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Veera Dheera Sooran - Part 2 (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Shanmukha (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Forest (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Badass Ravikumar (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

L2 Empuraam (Ma)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.50 pm
	(S-2)	10.10 pm
	(S-4)	12.20 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Disney's Snow White (E)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Robinhood (Te)	(S-1)	7.20 pm, 10.25 pm
	(S-4)	3.55 pm
Manada Kadalu (K)	(S-2)	9.45 am, 12.55 pm
		4 pm, 7.05 pm
Veera Dheera Sooran (Ta)	(S-3)	9.40 am, 12.55 pm
Mad Square (Te)	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Bad 2025 (K)	(S-4)	10.10 am

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Forest (K)	(S-1)	12.50 pm
Manada Kadalu (K)	(S-1)	3.35 pm, 6.25 pm; (S-3) 10.40 am
L2: Empuraan (K)	(S-1)	9.15 pm; (S-4) 2.45 pm
L2: Empuraan (Ma)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 4.35 pm, 8 pm
	(S-3)	6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	11 am
Robinhood (Te)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.40 pm, 9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402

L2: Empuraan (Ma)	:	8.10 am, 10.30 am, 11.45 am
		2.05 pm, 3.20 pm, 5.40 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.15 pm, 10.30 pm
L2: Empuraan (H)	:	9.30 pm
Robinhood (Te)	:	8.50 am, 1.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Manada Kadalu (K)	:	9.30 am, 1.40 pm, 7.05 pm
Mad Square (Te)	:	10.30 am, 12.40 pm
		4.30 pm, 6.40 pm
Mylaapura (K)	:	11.10 am
Veera Dheera Sooran - Part 2 (Ta)	:	12 noon, 3.15 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Bad (2025) (K)	:	4.50 pm, 10.15 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009

Mad Square (Te)	:	9.35 am, 3.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Veera Dheera Sooran - Part 2 (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 12.25 pm, 7.15 pm
L2: Empuraan (Ma)	:	11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 3.40 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.25 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
L2: Empuraan (K)	:	11.30 am
Robinhood (Te)	:	1.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Manada Kadalu (K)	:	4.20 pm
Bad (2025) (K)	:	7.30 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465

Mad Square (Te)	:	10.20 am, 4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Veera Dheera Sooran - Part 2 (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 1.05 pm, 7.10 pm
Manada Kadalu (K)	:	11.10 am, 4.55 pm
L2: Empuraan (Ma)	:	11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 5.55 pm
		6.25 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
L2: Empuraan (K)	:	2.20 pm
Robinhood (Te)	:	1.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Bad (2025) (K)	:	8.05 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555

L2: Empuraan (Ma)	:	8.10 am, 9.30 am, 11.45 am, 3.20 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
L2: Empuraan (K)	:	3.15 pm
Mad Square (Te)	:	9.45 am, 12.30 pm, 7.35 pm
Bad (2025) (K)	:	1.20 am, 4.45 pm
Robinhood (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
Manada Kadalu (K)	:	1.35 pm, 7 pm
Veera Dheera Sooran - Part 2 (Ta)	:	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Mylaapura (K)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 28)

- **JSS Medical College:** Graduation Day, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath presides, JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh and VC Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa guests of honour, Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology (Jaipur) Vice-Chancellor Dr. Achal Gulati chief guest, College premises, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Gayathri Mahila Samaja:** 24th Anniversary, Sri Gayathri Mahila Samaja President Padma Narayan presides, singer, art critic and writer Dr. Manik Bengeri inaugurates, Vivekananda Brahmana Mahasabha President Jayaram chief guest, Sri Lakshminarasimha Dharmashala Bhavana, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **4 pm.**
- **Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat, Mysuru and V.V. Creations, Mysuru:** 'Mareyalarada Mahaniyaru - Anantagaana Ashwathayaana,' Kannada & Culture Department Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan inaugurates, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, former Mysuru Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and poet Jayappa Honnali chief guests, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5 pm.**
- **Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru and Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** 'Magha and Phalguna' edition of 'Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava,' 'Aarambha Nritya' performance by budding students of Champaka Academy, **5 pm;** 'Vachana Nritya Saurabha' (on Vachanas of Shivasharanas) by Dr. Nagalakshmi and her disciples, Parishat Mysuru President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajapeyee chief guest, Champaka Academy premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore (UoM) and University Evening College, UoM:** Special lecture on 'Dr. Ambedkar Barahagalu: Samskrutika Vishleshane' by Prof. Rahmath Terikere, Research Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, Manasagangothri, Prof. V. Shanmugham, Principal, University Evening College, presides, Dr. J. Somashekar, Senior Professor and Director, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, will be present, University Evening College, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 29)

- **Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru:** State-level Project Exhibition, College premises, **9.30 am.**
- **Sri Kalyana Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple:** Shaneshwara Mahayaga Aghora astra, Ugra Narasimha, Maha Sudarshana, Navagraha and Mrutyunjaya Homa, Temple premises, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Kalyanagiri Nagar, **9.30 am.**
- **University College of Fine Arts (Lalithakala College):** Staging of plays 'Ashadada Ondu Dina' directed by Bhavani Kulkarni, **11 am;** 'Sanjeya Haadu' directed by K. Murthy, College premises, Manasagangothri, **12 noon.**
- **Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru:** Allamaprabhu Jayanti and Asthana Vid. Sri Basavalingaswamy's 74th Punyaradhana Mahotsava, Sri Hosmutt President Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Sri Gowrishankara Swamiji of M.L. Hundi, T. Narasipur, presides, discourse by Shankar Devanur, Sri Nataraja Auditorium, Sri Hosmutt premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Sahara Arts & Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind Old DC office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-873,' story-telling by Mallamma, retd. Vice-Principal & Academic Dean, Somani D.Ed College & Anikethana Pre-University College, Mandya, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sahitya Chavadi, talk on 'Sanchiya Honnammana Hadibadeya Dharma' by Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Professor and Gamaki, Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Raaga Music Academy, Mysuru:** 102nd Music Concert, Grand Vocal Concert by Vidu. Dhanya Dinesh Rudrapatnam, accompanied by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Srinidhi Koundinya on ghata, Sri Bidaram Krishnappanavara Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, Narayan Shastri Road, **6 pm.**

State-level Project Expo at VVCE

Mysuru, Mar. 28- The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has organised a State-level Project Exhibition on Mar. 29. The theme for this year is 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)' encouraging students to develop innovative solutions aligned with global sustainability objectives.

With participation of 50 teams from various colleges across Karnataka, the exhibition will serve as a platform for showcasing ground-breaking projects in the field of electrical and electronics engineering. This event is for final-year students of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) branch, providing them with an opportunity to engage with industry experts, researchers and academicians.

The project exhibition will be inaugurated at 9.30 am by chief guest Dr. R. Shivarudraswamy, Professor and Head, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal.

Gundappa Gowda, President of Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Mysuru, will preside over the event. P. Vishwanath, Secretary, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Mysuru and Shrishaila Ramannavar, Treasurer, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, Mysuru, will be the guests of honour.

The programme is being organised under the guidance of Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal of VVCE, Dr. Shobha Shankar, Vice-Principal & Dean of Academic Affairs, VVCE and Dr. K. Gopala Reddy, Head of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

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